

For the Herald of Freedom.

Anti-Slavery Meeting.

In pursuance of the call unanimously signed and published last week, the friends of Freedom met in mass meeting at Miller's Hall, at 2 o'clock A. M., on Friday, December 24, to testify against the iniquitous Slave Power that rules this nation, and to take steps to organize the Anti-Slavery sentiment of the community.

It being the wish of Capt. John Brown to be executed, they also testified, in bold and many words, to the integrity and virtue of his past life, and gave lucid evidence that his character will be vindicated, and his memory honored, when he has ceased to live.

The meeting was organized by the election of Joel Grover, Chairman, and Wm. Hutchinson, Secretary. Messrs. Ladd, Soule, Stearns, Clark and Archibald were appointed a committee on resolutions. After withdrawing a short time, they reported, through their chairman, the following:

Resolved, That American Slavery is an unmitigated evil; a curse to both master and slave; a stain upon God and man; and should be immediately abolished.

Resolved, That we accord to the slave the perfect right to protect himself from the tyranny of his pretended master; and to use precisely the means that Christian white men would be justified in using, under similar circumstances; and that the time and mode of aiding the weaker side in such a contest lies in the judgment and conscience of all who sympathize with the feeble and oppressed.

Resolved, That believing Freedom to be national and Slavery sectional, we demand that the power of the General Government be exercised affirmatively and positively on the side of Freedom; and that the odious contrivances to Slavery be removed, and that the "compact" be so guarded as to leave intact the reserved rights of the States.

Resolved, That the Slave Power of the nation be the legitimate child of its foul mother, American Slavery; and that all attempts to curtail the reign of the former, must necessarily prove abortive, without equally resolute efforts to strangle its hydra-headed mother.

Resolved, That so far from fearing the repeated threats of the South, to dissolve their union with the North, if they should choose to do so, we consider ourselves able to abide the consequences of any such dissolution, and that we are fully prepared, as we do, that such a step on their part would be fatal to the existence of Slavery.

Resolved, That so far as we depend, the State of Kansas shall be in the front ranks of the phalanx of Freedom; and that every human being within her fold, come he from whatever clime or country, and of whatever race or color, shall have the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and that we will protect him from the hands of his oppressor.

Resolved, That we respectfully request our legislators, at their next session, to pass laws against kidnapping, or our soil, as shall effectually protect the lives and liberties of all our citizens, irrespective of color.

Resolved, That the friends of the abolition of slavery, should take immediate measures to organize the Anti-Slavery sentiment of the people, by the formation of Town, County and State Societies, and by the free circulation of Anti-Slavery literature.

Resolved, That whereas the character of our old comrade in arms, Capt. John Brown, whose life is to-day to be sacrificed to Slavery, has been maligned by the organs of Democratic press of Kansas and the North generally, we, therefore, the people of Lawrence, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby affirm our full confidence in the integrity of his character, and the nobleness of his motives; believing that in his death, as in his life, he was actuated by a spirit of revenge, but by the highest and purest motives.

Resolved, That while we may have differed with Capt. Brown, as to the wisdom of his plans for the relief of the slave, we cannot withhold from him the highest honor and respect due to one who endeavored to live up to the golden rule, as he understood it; and that he will be embalmed in our memories as one who has laid down his life for the rights of man, and in an attempted vindication of the great idea of the Declaration of Independence; and that he and his friends will be remembered as noble and heroic, and that we will not allow the noble cause of those who have fallen in the great battle for Freedom.

Resolved, That we specially declare our respect and esteem for John Brown, in reference to his labors in Kansas, knowing him to have been true and disinterested friend of Freedom here; and that we was among the first to teach the Border-Ruffian the value of our soil the wholesome lesson, that oppression of the poor might be made to "bite the dust," and to the free men of soil, at a time when they imagined that their "dreams were on the eve of being realized."

After the reading of the report, they were considered collectively, and the speeches were of a general character, extending to all the points embraced in the resolutions. The principal speakers were Messrs. Gardner, Thacher, Jones and Stearns. There was great unanimity of sentiment with regard to the subject, and they were often interrupted by the enthusiasm of the audience. They did not favor insurrection, nor the forcible liberation of the slaves, but the ballot box was considered as more potent and effectual in the long run than the cartridge box, as an instrument of moral revolution.

On motion, Messrs. Soule, Gardner and Stearns were appointed a committee to report a County Anti-Slavery Committee, consisting of three from each township. Adjourned to 1 o'clock.

Evening.

In the evening the hall was crowded with an intelligent audience of ladies and gentlemen, who seemed thankful for the opportunity to show their sympathy for "the old comrade," and express a word for the reopening of the Anti-Slavery sentiment of the people.

E. D. Ladd was elected Chairman, in the absence of Mr. Grover, and the committee of three proceeded to report as follows for county committee:

Lawrence—E. D. Ladd, C. Stearns, Sam. F. Tappan.

Leocompton—Mr. Ham, Mr. Baldwin, Henry Murry.

Clinton—Rev. Mr. Copeland, Joseph G. Gardner, Dr. Macy.

Marion—Henry Hyatt, Joseph Doane, Elias Sawyer.

Willow Springs—E. S. Scudder, E. W. Bennett, John A. Bailey.

Palmyra—A. W. Smith, Wm. Roe, Wm. Soule.

Endora—Levi Woodard, Mr. Guest, John E. Campbell.

The report was adopted without debate, and on motion, voted that the said committee have power to fill vacancies.

Voted that an Anti-Slavery meeting be held at this place on the 18th inst.,—the day of the execution of Brown's associates—for the organization of a County Society, when said Committee are requested to be present and report a plan for the same.

The debate on the resolutions was resumed and able speeches were made by Messrs. Clark, Stearns, Conway, Rogers, and others, after which, at a late hour, the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Voted, that the Secretary secure the publishing of the proceedings of this meeting in the Herald of Freedom and Lawrence Republican.—Adjourned.

E. D. LADD, President.

Wm. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

LYDIA MARIA CHILD will write the Life of John Brown, the proceeds of the sale to be donated to his family.

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On the 22d of November Tom Cowan delivered an address before a large audience in Lebanon, Ohio, in which, among other things, he is reported to have spoken as follows:

Now I am brought to the consideration of a particular matter or two in our history, and I think great mistakes pervade the country.

A poor man by the name of John Brown has gone to Harper's Ferry, in Virginia. John Brown said to me, "I have a man with me, a negro, and I will kill him. I wish you to kill as many white men as come in your way, and run with me." These men were slaves to whom these pikes were tendered—negro slaves by the law of Virginia. They were slaves by a law which said, "I have more to do than with the laws of the Hindus, or of France. That is our compact."

Walker, Gen. Walker, blue-eyed Walker, brother of the late Gen. Walker, was a man of destiny, gathered together a set of vagabonds, as we call them—men very imperfectly educated, singularly rude and ignorant, and blustered about the lips, with a strong taste of Bourbon whiskey and an ardent love of liberty. He gathered his people together, and he said to them, "I will go to Nicaragua, and I will let in the sunlight of liberty upon these poor people, black, brown, Spanish-brown, and blue of all complexions, and I will let the sun shine upon them."

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